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Black Lives Matter founder Alicia Garza draws huge crowd

by Jasmine Murray '18
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On Friday, Sept. 18, founder of the Black Lives Matter movement (BLM) Alicia Garza visited Hamilton College to discuss the influential international movement, and to answer questions submitted by the campus community. BLM, which resulted from Garza's social media response from the 2013 acquittal of George Zimmerman in the Trayvon Martin case and consequential Twitter hashtag, has ignited great momentum and discussion across the country. After posting her original Tweet, Garza did not anticipate the large impact she would have on the lives of many black individuals across the globe.

Upon her arrival at Hamilton, Garza engaged in an intimate lunch with students. It has been reported that the interaction was both inviting and *insightful. Students swarmed Brad*ford Auditorium, where they anxiously waited for the arrival of Garza. When Garza entered, great excitement filled the room. Associate Director of the Days-Massolo Center Kimberly Williams later announced that two overflow rooms were being used to watch the highly anticipated event.

The event was organized as a panel. Accompanying Garza was notable Professor of Classics and Africana Studies Shelley Haley and Garza's partner, Malachi Larrabee-Garza. Haley began the conversation by asking Garza and her partner discussion questions developed by the Student Diversity Council. The inquiries encompassed a wide range of interests ranging from Garza's ideas about the purpose of the movement to personal concerns of self-care for BLM participants.

Garza explained that movements were opportunities for individuals to exemplify what they believed. When Garza was asked if she was too identity-focused she argued that her sensitivity was necessary in order to justify and shed light on her existence. Garza then explained that lack of recognition continues the marginalization of underrepresented groups and aspects of identity like sexuality and gender identity in addition to race.

"When your very existence is targeted for demise, erasure and extinction, it's time to reshape how we talk about race in this country," she said. "[By including all aspects of identity] we complexify how we are perceived."

When asked to respond to assertions that the BLM movement is 'ag

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From left to right: Rhodessa Jones, Alicia Garza, Professor Shelley Haley and Malachi Larrabee-Garza.

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Biochemistry Panel shows three very different strategies for success

by Ben Wesley '16
News Contributor

On Friday Aug. 18, Visiting Professor of Biochemistry Rajinikanth Mohan presented a panel discussion titled Biochemistry Pathways: Career Insights from Program Alumni. The event featured three biochemistry alumni from Hamilton: Samantha McNamara '90, Chantelle Rein-Smith '03 and Elizabeth Guancial '01. The panel was organized to help the students in Mohan's biochemistry class get an idea of what a future in biochemistry looked like after college.

> **"If an opportunity arises and interests you, take it, even if it is scary."**
>
> *—Chantelle Reid-Smith '03*

Each alumnus presented a different perspective, as they each took different pathways to their current positions. McNamara worked her way up to be the Director of Regulatory Affairs in Pfizer with only her bachelor's degree. Rein-Smith took a bit more of a traditional path, pursuing a PhD in Medical Genetics at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. There she found that she enjoyed medical writing through a seminar there. Guancial went right into Medical School, and became an Administrative Medical Oncologist.

The panelists represented the three main pathways that students take after graduating from the Biochemistry Department: going straight into industry, going to graduate school, and going into medical school.

After these initial introductions, students were invited to ask the panelists questions. The most insightful answers came when Liz Larson '16 asked, "What was your biggest challenge?" McNamara felt that the hardest thing for her was building up her strengths to match her job's requirements. Guancial found that maintaining contact with friends while attending medical school was her hardest challenge. Rein-Smith explained that hers was figuring out what she wanted to do after Hamilton.

While McNamara was able to get far by building up her strengths, she has found that only having a bachelor's degree has started to limit her in her position. She can't really move into more specialized departments and felt that "If I had an advanced degree, then I could have gone through other doors."

However, the talk was not all serious. Guancial's serendipitous realization that she "does the studies that Sam [McNamara] makes and Chantelle [Rein-Smith] writes" was met with laughter. Another humorous moment came when Sam recalled a moment when Professor Emeritus of Chemistry Robin Kinnel, wrote

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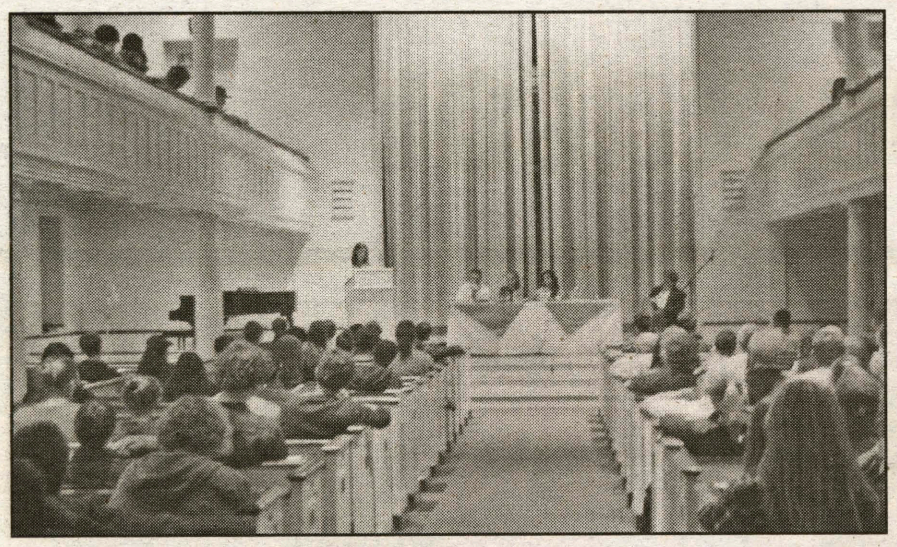

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Four panelists debate merits of college divestment movement

by Isaac Kirschner '17
News Writer

This past Monday, Sept. 21, students, faculty and local residents packed into a crowded Chapel to listen to four panelists debate divestment in an event titled "Should Colleges and Universities Divest from Fossil Fuels?" The event, co-hosted by Hamilton Divests, HEAG, AHI Undergraduate Fellows, Hamilton College Democrats, Hamilton College Republicans, the Environmental Studies Program, the Government Department and the Office of the Dean of Faculty, brought together opinions on both sides of the divestment debate.

The idea for the panel originated when the Hamilton Divests club, as well as other students and faculty members, decided to have a public debate on the issue. "The goal of the event was to create an honest, open and balanced discussion to bring people from different perspectives together," said Professor Peter Cannavo, one of the event's organizers.

Organizers of the event also made a point to ensure that multiple perspectives on the issue were represented in the debate. "I think we need more events like this on campus where we are not necessarily all going to agree, but at least be in the same room and have a discussion," continued Cannavo.

The evening began with a brief introduction by Cannavo, followed by statements from each panelist describing their stance on divestment. First to speak was Victoria Fernandez, an Associate Analyst at 350.org and a former student divestment leader at UC Berkley. Fernandez framed the divestment debate in the context of the broader problems associated with climate change. In her opinion, colleges and universities have a moral obligation to divest from the fossil fuel industry so that they no longer contributed to climate change and all its negative consequences. Fernandez also claimed that divestment would help "pressure" college students to cease supporting fossil fuel industries and become more conscious of the challenges posed by climate change.

The next speaker was Katelyn Kriesel, a financial advisor at Koenig & Selzer Asset Management Group who specializes in sustainable portfolios. Kriesel presented the divestment issue from a financial standpoint, including whether or not investments in sustainable businesses could produce the same returns as those in the fossil fuel industry. Based on her professional experience, Kriesel argued that these investments could produce the same returns, and in some instances even better ones. She also cited a recent Morgan Stanley report which asserted that sustainable mutual equity funds preform equal to if not better than comparable investments.

The discussion then shifted to the panelists opposed to divestment. Rachelle Peterson, a Research Associate at the National Association of Scholars, first made an argument against the practicality of divestment. Peterson claimed that divesting doesn't harm fossil fuel industries, as other investors immediately buy up divested shares. Furthermore, divestment will not solve society's incessant demand for fossil fuels, which is the real driver behind climate change. Peterson also asserted that the divestment movement actually prevents innovative thinking on climate change because it polarizes the debate and oversimplifies the complexities of the issue.

Last, Rafael Castilla, the Director of Investment Risk Management at the University of Michigan, questioned the practicality of divestment. Echoing many of Peterson's points, Castilla pointed out that the true driver of climate change is our fossil fuel-based infrastructure. Investing in sustainable companies would not fix this problem, and would have consequences of its own. Castilla also acknowledged many of the difficulties of both actually withdrawing endowment funds from their investments in fossil fuel companies and convincing Boards of Trustees that divestment is a worthwhile cause.

The event ended with a Q&A session where panelists answered the audience's questions and responded to claims made by other panelists.

This event was not the first time that Hamilton has faced the divestment issue. In December 2013, with support from students, faculty and staff, Student Assembly passed a resolution urging the administration to remove companies involved in the fossil fuel industry from the endowment. Citing similar concerns raised by the anti-divestment panelists, the Board of Trustees rejected the proposal in March 2014.

"The importance of this [talk] is to bring the issue back to the table, back to people's consciousness," said Cannavo. "I think the next step is to really carefully develop proposals for divestment but also reinvestment. I think one can go even further to work out the financial strategy because it is about money -- the endowment, but it is also about ethics and our future."

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NESCAC NEWS

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Bowdoin endowment posts 14.4 percent annual gain

Bowdoin College recently reported that its endowment generated an annual investment return of 14.4 percent in the past year bringing the school's endowment value up to $1.39 billion.

This growth rate not only outpaces U.S. markets but also all other American colleges and universities.

"This investment performance is truly remarkable," said Bowdoin President Clayton Rose. "A strong endowment is critical in our ability to deliver academic and residential life programs of the highest quality to every student—regardless of their economic circumstances—and to maintain excellence in all aspects of the College."

This year's strong earnings report continues Bowdoin endowment's impressive performance over the past ten years. According to the college, the five year annualized returns for the endowment are 14.7 percent and 10.5 percent respectively. Both of these figures are in the top fifth percentiles of all college and university annualized returns.

Rose also went on to say that the endowment's *impressive performance* "represents outstanding work by Paula Volent, our senior vice president for investments, and her staff, and by an investment committee made up of brilliant professionals who care deeply about our College and understand the importance of building and stewarding these resources."

Federal judge orders Middlebury to reinstate expelled student

Last Wednesday a federal judge ordered Middlebury to reinstate a student who was expelled over an accusation of sexual misconduct while studying abroad. Middlebury subsequently released a statement acknowledging that it would comply with the judge's order and begin the process of reinstating the student.

In the order, U.S. District Court Judge J. Garvin Murtha stated, "This case presents a unique situation where the plaintiff was exonerated of the charge of sexual assault by one U.S. institution following an investigation and hearing, allowed to continue his studies the next term, and subsequently determined by his college following a second investigation of the same allegation to have committed sexual assault, after which he was expelled."

The incident in question occurred last November on an SIT study abroad program. The accuser submitted a complaint to program administrators that the defendant had sexually assaulted her. Upon receiving this complaint, SIT ran an independent investigation, which concluded that the defendant, represented in the case as John Doe, was innocent. In January, Middlebury opened its own investigation into the case. This five-month inquiry found however that John Doe was responsible for sexual assault. At the conclusion of its investigation, Middlebury expelled John Doe.

After exhausting the school's appeals process, John Doe sued Middlebury on Aug. 28.

Middlebury said that it believed the court erred in its interpretation of the facts and the law and that it was "deeply disappointed" by the order to re-enroll the student for the fall semester. "We are considering our legal options, but at this time we are obliged to comply with the court's order."

MIDDLEBURY TRINITY TUFTS WESLEYAN WILLIAMS

Alumni discuss careers and biochemistry degrees

PHOTO BY BRENNAN SMITH '16

Elizabeth Guancial, Chantelle Rein-Smith and Samantha McNamara spoke in the Biochemistry Pathways: Career Insights from Program Alumni panel.

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"Laboratory" on her lab sheet, emphasizing the labor and deemphasizing the "oratory" part of the word in response to her chattiness in lab.

Despite their varied careers, when asked about what skills the used from Hamilton the most, the entire panel agreed that the communication and writing skills they developed at Hamilton came in handy in the workplace.

> **"[I do] the studies that Sam makes and Chantelle writes."**
>
> —*Elizabeth Guancial '01*

Towards the end of the discussion, each panelist gave a few final pieces of advice. Rein-Smith, in response to her lack of a clear path out of college, felt that "if an opportunity arises and interests you, take it, even if it is scary."

Guancial found that dealing with stress and anxiety in medical school and as a doctor is centered on keeping everything in perspective. As an oncologist, many of the patients she sees will die, but she looks at her profession as prolonging both their life and their ability to live that life fully.

McNamara's closing advice had to do with working your way up the corporate ladder. She said, "You gotta be nice before smart."

Black Lives Matter founder Alicia Garza discusses activism

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gressive,' Garza called it a "racially charged way of describing what we do" and pointed out that protests like the Boston Tea Party were never described that way. She asserted that BLM as a movement and organization has at no time advocated for violence against anyone. "The Zimmerman trial sent the message 'your life is not valuable. If someone takes your life, they will not be held accountable,'" Garza said.

Garza also stressed the importance of seeing the raw reality of life. She explained that without this awareness, there would be a hiatus in progress. Larrabee-Garza also stressed the validity of "connecting the dots" in history, where one's accumulation of knowledge can help to create a united struggle.

When asked whether BLM was in danger of becoming a youth-only movement, Garza said she did not believe so. "Different generations take different approaches to social change. The courage that youth are demonstrating right now is moving the spirits of elders in our community. We shouldn't underestimate the impact of what happened to a once vibrant movement on our seasoned warriors. A lot of us are broken. A lot of us are grappling with sadness and anger."

Larrabee-Garza pointed out that when movements are disjointed, opposing forces can exploit that. "Bring in the old guard and learn from them. When you lack relationships, you lack trust," Larrabee-Garza said.

Garza and Larrabee-Garza were then asked about what Professor Haley called the "elephant in the room," #AllLivesMatter, which points to the importance of all people. Bluntly, Garza expressed that the rival hashtag does not represent the current world, pointing to statistics on incarceration and poverty. Though in theory, arguably, all lives do matter, the fact is this motto is not practiced.

"I couldn't do my work every day without believing that a world in which all lives matter is possible," Garza said. "Those who scream 'all lives matter' loudest should be working the hardest to make that a reality."

Larrabee-Garza later explained that the rival hashtag was a modern-day format for white supremacy in which the recognition of the lives of black people could be quickly diminished. Light was also shone on America's current incarceration system, where there is an overwhelmingly large amount of adolescents of color incarcerated. Larrabee-Garza talked about working with the juvenile justice group the Burns Institute. At this point, Larrabee-Garza directed attention to her occupation where workers help various judicial programs to find situtations in which child incarceration can be avoided.

Later in the evening, Professor Haley read a submitted question about self-care and activism. Garza advocated for the idea of "collective care" to avoid organizations in which activists work themselves into the ground. "No one's an individual who doesn't have an impact on the collective, but we can create a culture and practice that makes balance possible," she said.

Throughout the evening, there were many occasions where Garza engaged personally with the crowd, establishing a sense of safety, trust and comfort. Even after the event, Garza stood behind to answer questions from students, where she also took pictures, shared more personal anecdotes and exchanged deeper and more emphatic sentiments. Many students left the event feeling deeply moved and fueled with the power to make a statement on closer communities.

The interview with Garza and Larrabee-Garza was co-sponsored by the Days-Massolo Center, Women's Studies Department, Africana studies department, the Student Diversity Leadership Council and Law and Society.

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Monday, September 14, 2015

2:50 A.M. Check the Welfare – Residence Hall
3:08 P.M. Motorist Assist – Woollcott Lot
4:39 P.M. Medical Emergency – Residence Hall
10:55 P.M. Marijuana Complaint – Bundy East Hall
1:24 P.M. Smoke Detector – Bundy West Hall

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

8:23 A.M. Fire Alarm – Morris Hall

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

9:46 P.M. Smoke Detector – Babbitt Hall
11:39 P.M. Area Check – Campus Road

Thursday, September 17, 2015

12:18 P.M. Motorist Assist – North Lot
4:48 P.M. Fire Alarm – 1 Anderson Road
5:09 P.M. Fire Alarm – 1 Anderson Road
7:11 P.M. Smoke Detector – Skenandoa House
11:24 P.M. Noise Complaint – Griffin Road Apts.

Friday, September 18, 2015

2:20 A.M. Area Check – Dunham Lot
6:59 A.M. Medical Emergency – Campus Safety Office
9:39 A.M. Medical Emergency – Residence Hall
8:41 P.M. Noise Complaint – Root Farmhouse Apts.
11:30 P.M. Noise Complaint – Root Hall
11:50 P.M. Suspicious Activity – South Campus

Sunday, September 20, 2015

1:11 A.M. Possible Fight – 1 Anderson Road
10:24 A.M. Larceny – Rogers Estate

A correction

Last week's paper incorrectly noted that the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation recently awarded an $800,000 grant to the Digital Humanities Initiative (DHi) at Hamilton, and that the endowment was among the largest humanities grants to be received by the College. The correct statement is that Angel David Nieves, associate professor of Africana studies and co-director of the Digital Humanities Initiative (DHi) was awarded an NEH Office of Digital Humanities Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities Summer Institutes Grant of $245,299 for "Space and Place in Africana/Black Studies: An Institute on Spatial Humanities Theories, Methods and Practice."

The *Hamilton News* article in which Senior Director of Media Relations Vige Barrie is mentioned is not a recent article as it was published on Sept. 23, 2010. As a result, the statement by President Joan Hinde Stewart cited in the article is relevant to a different grant received by DHi.

The grant was not from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, but from the NEH Office of Digital Humanities Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities. For this reason, please retract the statements: [1] Since 1972, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded Hamilton a total of 25 grants worth a sum of $8.76 million. [2] The Foundation's Liberal Arts College sector "helps institutions respond to the demographic, economic, technological, and competitive challenges facing higher education." The Foundation acknowledges "the pressures associated with national concerns such as access, diversity, degree completion, cost, career paths, and productivity," and collaborates with colleges to address these contemporary challenges by "emphasiz[ing] measures that address faculty development, curricular renewal, pedagogical innovation, and undergraduate research in the humanities."

The award—as stated correctly in a *Hamilton News* article published on Aug. 31, 2015—is for a three-week long institute during the summer of 2016. The institute focuses on the relationship and intersections between Africana studies and the spatial humanities.

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GOP debate: Fiorina wins, women lose

by Caroline Harrington '16
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Wednesday, Sept. 16, marked the second presidential debate of the 2016 race. On stage at the Reagan II Library in California, the eleven leading Republican presidential candidates stood regally in front of Ronald Reagan's presidential plane. This proved fitting, as a solid chunk of the debate was spent glorifying the 40th President of the United States.

In the past week, news outlets have been naming Carly Fiorina as the "winner" of the debate (if such a thing can be won). The former Hewlett-Packard CEO certainly has come far since her last attempt on the stage. In fact, on August 6, Fiorina was not even allowed at the "big kids'" table, competing at the JV level with a few other low-polling candidates including Rick Perry, who has since suspended his campaign. Clearly the underdog, Fiorina wasted no time in attempting to jump in with the big contenders, notably bashing Hillary Clinton on multiple occasions (a clear crowd-pleaser for conservatives). And it would seem her efforts proved successful, as she is now polling at number two behind the glorious imbecile, Donald Trump.

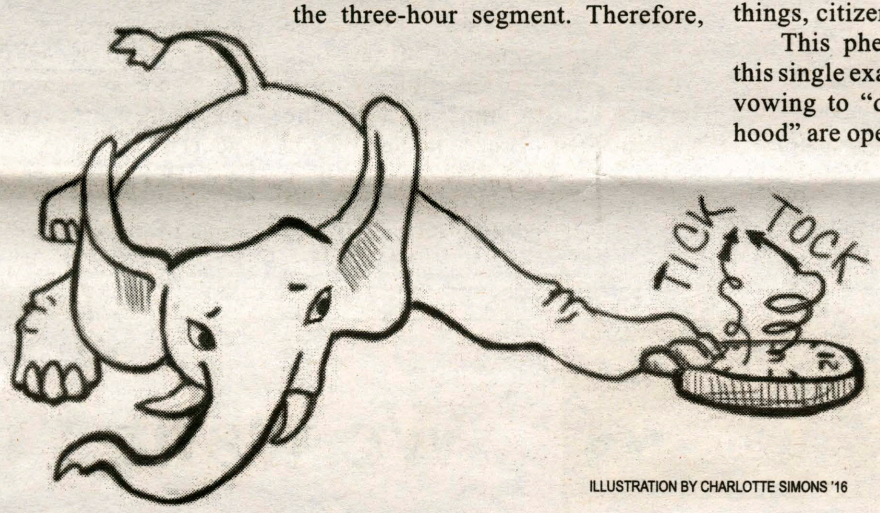
But let's unpack how she really won this debate. In debates it is only natural and unfortunately expected that candidates will pander to important base groups. Specifically, conservatives desperately want to hear the phrases "defund Planned Parenthood" and "I will eliminate the Iran Nuclear Deal" as much as possible throughout the three-hour segment. Therefore, it was no surprise that Fiorina and the other candidates consistently regressed to these topics regardless of the question. Yet Fiorina managed to combine these two issues in a grenade of conservative propaganda. In a Hail-Mary connection, eaten up by the crowd, Fiorina claimed both issues involve defense: "one has something to do with the defense of security of this nation. The other has something to do with the defense of the character of this nation."

Other than this blatant attempt at crowd-pleasing, Fiorina displayed in an unfortunate lack of fact-checking. Fiorina provided a gory and in-depth description of a Planned Parenthood video showing a live aborted fetus, a clip that does not actually exist. Her exaggeration demonstrates a problem with politics: when politicians say things, citizens tend to believe them.

This phenomenon extends past this single example. Those candidates vowing to "defund Planned Parenthood" are operating on false assumptions about the foundation. Lies are spread about the immorality of the organization and the high number of abortion procedures they perform. In actuality, abortions only account for three percent of services provided by Planned Parenthood. Granted, this number has been under attack recently as it is derived by counting every service a single patient receives instead of analyzing the number of abortions per patient. But if we look closer, the variety of services is what actually matters. Planned Parenthood provides women with STD testing, pregnancy testing, pap smears, prenatal care, contraception services, cancer screening and more. They even provide services for men (tell that to your middle-aged male representative in Congress).

Even more important is that federal funding provided to Planned Parenthood is not allowed to be used for abortions. Abortions must be privately funded. If you take away government funding of this organization, you take away countless medical treatments for millions of citizens, especially in lower socio-economic classes.

I find it hard to justify allowing the typical GOP middle-aged white male candidate to make decisions regarding the organizations that provide necessary health care to millions of women. As for Fiorina and the rest of the candidates, let's keep debates about facts, not entertainment.



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Arrest of Texas student in perspective

by Levi Lorenzo '18
Opinion Contributor

You have probably heard the story: an innocent, curious 14-year-old boy brought a homemade clock into a Texas high school to show his teacher. The teacher, fearing that the clock was an explosive, confiscated it and the boy was arrested. The clock ended up being, well, just a clock, and the issue, unlike the clock, blew up.

While the situation might have piqued the interest of some, the drama was fueled by the fact that the student, freshman Ahmed Mohamed, is Muslim. That fact helped incite national uproar prompting tweets from President Barack Obama, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and other important figures in politics and entertainment in support of Ahmed. For many this seems like merely another case of Islamophobia and racial profiling. Many see the case as deplorable and the epitome of lingering bigotry in the United States.

On the surface it is pretty widely agreed upon that no 14-year-old should be arrested for bringing a homemade piece of technology into school to impress his teachers. However, when delving deeper into this issue, it becomes less clear. We must ask ourselves, what if it had been a bomb? What if the teacher, for fear of being labeled an Islamophobe, by acquiescing allowed that bomb to kill all of the kids in the class, and potentially, the school? If she had taken away the clock and it was a bomb, I suspect she would have been hailed as a hero.

Some might say that the teacher should have recognized that it was not a bomb. I implore you to look up the picture of the clock. For someone with limited expertise in electronics and electro-engineering, it is pretty difficult to say with confidence that it is not a bomb. The clock physically resembles a briefcase bomb, especially to someone whose only encounters with such bombs are in science fiction movies. I would not expect the average high school English teacher to be able to say, with enough confidence to put his or her life as well as the lives of all her pupils on the line, that the clock is not a bomb.

Was the teacher profiling in making this decision? Perhaps, but I do not blame her for making it. It is against Texas law to possess a fake bomb with intent of convincing someone that it is actually a weapon. In accordance with the law, it is actually the duty of authorities to determine Ahmed's intent in bringing in the object. Regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity, if Ahmed actually was as uncooperative as the police claim, to the point where they cannot confidently ascertain his motive, then they were justified in taking him away in handcuffs. Some might think that a 14-year-old could hardly have the malicious thoughts required to bomb his school. But what if his parents had given him the bomb and told him to show it to his teacher and tell him or her that it is a clock? What if the student legitimately thought the object was a clock when it was not?

Now, what if this incident had occurred at Hamilton? If a professor was presented with the object by a student and was unsure about whether or not it was bomb, what should they be expected to do? I suspect that the majority on campus "Stand with Ahmed," but I inquire, if campus went on lockdown last spring because someone called in a bomb threat, how is it then unreasonable to take action when presented with an object that could potentially be a bomb, even when the owner claims it is not? It is understandable why many are outraged at Ahmed's arrest. But I question whether one can stand with Ahmed, regardless of the situation. Sure, he was curious, inquisitive and innovative, and displayed qualities that more 14-year-old boys should. Some will charge that his only crime was being Muslim, but it does not matter whether Ahmed was Muslim, Jewish or Christian or anything else; it does not matter whether Ahmed was black, white, brown, green, or orange; if a teacher believes that there could be a bomb in her class, it is her duty to act. I believe the teacher did the right thing, and if it happened here at Hamilton, I would hope that my professor would do the same.

THE SOAPBOX

Kim Davis' Incredulous Hypocrisy

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by Charles Dunst '18
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Despite what you may have heard, Kentucky County Clerk Kim Davis, is not the "Rosa Parks" of religious freedom. Kim Davis's $80,000 salary is paid by the U.S. government, making her a public servant. So after the Obergefell v. Hodges decision which rendered same-sex marriage legal nationwide, Davis—in her job as a county clerk—was mandated to provide marriage licenses. However, citing her "religious beliefs," Davis refused to issue same-sex marriage licenses.

Davis claimed that she was acting "under God's authority." She was jailed for contempt of court, and eventually released, despite stating that she still would not issue same-sex marriage licenses. However, she explained that she would not interfere with her deputies issuing any, as they had been doing during her time in prison after she was released.

Because the United States has a secular government, Davis is required to perform her duty as it coincides with the law of the land. As a result, her lack of willingness to marry same-sex couples is not just disrespectful, but also illegal. Not only was she unwilling to marry gay couples, but at first she barred her deputies from doing so as well. Here is where the issue lies. Former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee argued that she needed a "religious accommodation." However, Davis was personally exempted from having to grant the licenses; she just needed to pass on the duties of same-sex marriage licenses to her deputies. In refusing to do this, Davis further illustrates how backwards her "religious" beliefs are.

Kim Davis illustrates the underlying hypocrisy and stupidity of the Religious Right. In denying same-sex marriage licenses, she cited service to God as her rationale. The Bible quote that anti-homosexuality is based on is "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it [is] abomination." The fact that she is basing her political beliefs on a 3,000 year old book is misguided.

However, the hypocrisy she demonstrated is how she is completely willing to cherry pick certain Bible verses to follow. Davis has been married four different times. This conflicts with Luke 16:18, which explains that "Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from [her] husband committeth adultery." How is Davis willing to base her anti-gay marriage views on the Bible, but is unwilling to base her opinions on divorce from the same source? How can she claim to preserve the "Biblical sanctity" of marriage, despite being married four times?

It is this hypocrisy that plagues the Religious Right. This group of Americans base their anti-gay marriage on the Bible, but chose to discount other Biblical rules. Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich opposed gay marriage, but also divorced his cancer-stricken wife, and is now in his third marriage. So, out of the three actions described in the previous sentence, all three are written against in the Bible. Why is Gingrich able to nitpick which Bible verses he feels are acceptable? Why is it okay for conservatives to attempt to make laws based on certain religious verses, while ignoring others? If you do not believe in gay marriage, do not marry someone of the same sex. If you do not like abortion, do not get an abortion. However, do not cherry pick certain Bible verses around which you want to shape a policy for America, a secular nation.

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There are two ways, in my opinion, to run a government. You can have a secular nation, or you can have a theocracy. However, Mike Huckabee and Kim Davis seem to push for something in between. Huckabee, Gingrich, Rick Santorum and other prominent Republican politicians want a certain level of Christianity to effect our government. Their diatribes are largely based on the citation of the same verses I have employed. However, they are okay with divorce, which is outlawed by the Bible; they are okay with eating fat (Leviticus 3:17); letting you hair become unkempt (Leviticus 10:6); or eating any seafood without fins or scales (Leviticus 11:10-12). The list goes on.

Religious conservatives want to theocratically enforce some laws, while ignoring others. They decry the Sharia law of the Muslim world for their theocratic governments while pushing theocratic laws at home. This hypocrisy demonstrates a belief that Christianity is better than Islam, but that is a wholly separate issue for another time.

Thumbs Up	Thumbs Down	Who Cares?
Cider Mill: More like Cider-we've-already-been-there-a-Mill-ion-times.	**Real Estate Club: Business is booming this semester as they invest in all the unclaimed houses downtown with wood burning fireplaces and the unrelenting scent of Everclear.**	**Color Run: And we thought Commons using paper plates was the biggest waste of the week. Think of all that good paint!**
USMarinesatHamilton: Talk about a perfect recruitment opportunity for wayward Creative Writing and Sociology majors.	**Paper Plates in Commons due to "Mechanical Issue": Apparently, a bunch of laundry-confused freshmen mistook the dishwasher for the washing machine.**	**KeyTone Light Auditions: Automatic entry to the group is awarded if you shotgun a beer then sing Cups with the empty can.**
Lunar Eclipse Party: Surprisingly, this is an event at the observatory, not the theme of every KDO party.	**Dad Jokes at Trivia: Hosted in The Little Pub? Seems kinda big to me; it's got two floors!**	**Jungle Juice: To kick off the celebration of a fine beverage, pregame by doing a tasting the earth tones of Franzia and the pure hops of Natty Ice.**

by Jessye McGarry '16 and Carrie Solomon '16

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Hamilton history: Bob Moses '56, a civil rights leader

by Jon Cohen '17
Features Contributor

The most important civil rights leader you've never heard of is a Hamilton alum.

Martin Luther King Jr. once called his leadership and charisma inspiring.

He was the logistical commander and emotional rock of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and with the committee helped organize the influential Freedom Summer Project of 1964.

At the 1964 Democratic National Convention he negotiated with then vice-presidential hopeful Hubert Humprey to award African-American voters from Mississippi the delegates to which they were entitled.

He has won many awards including the MacArthur Fellowship "genius grant" for founding the Algebra Project, an organization that works to improve math education in impoverished communities. He also won the Puffin National Prize for Creative Citizenship and holds an honorary degree from Swarthmore College.

In a 2007 interview, President Barack Obama said what inspired him to enter politics "was the civil rights movement. And if you asked me who my role model was at the time, it would be Bob Moses."

Robert "Bob" Moses '56 was born on Jan. 23, 1935 in Harlem, New York. A gifted student, Moses tested into the prestigious Stuyvesant High School, one of the best public schools in the country. When it came time to apply to colleges, Moses knew he wanted an academically rigorous institution where he could also play varsity basketball. But perhaps more importantly, as Moses told Hamilton professor Maurice Isserman in a 2002 interview, "I didn't want to go to the South."

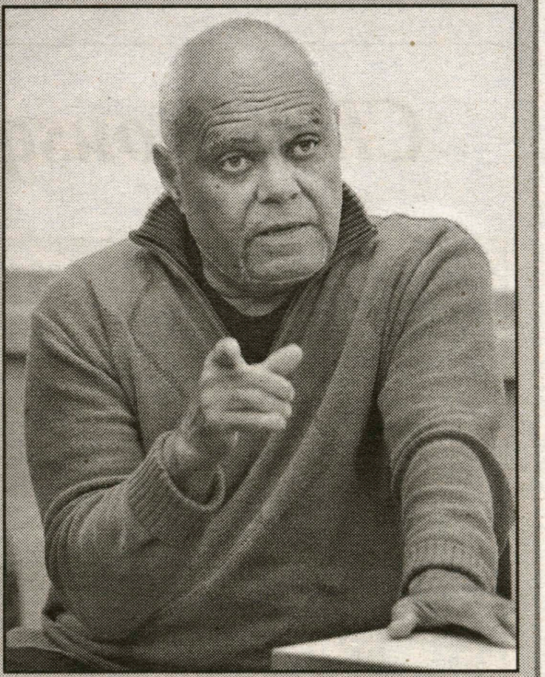
From afar, Bob Moses seemed like the stereotypical Hamiltonian overachiever. He was president of the Philosophy Club, member of the Honor Court and the Emerson Literary Society, vice president of his senior class and captain of the basketball team. Moses's summers were spent abroad in Japan and Europe on programs recommended by Hamilton professors. And just like students today, Moses admitted, "as a rule, I decided in my freshman year that I would only take courses from teachers that *I liked*, that I felt I could get along with."

However, despite all of his accolades and success, Moses looks back at his years at Hamilton as a time of isolation and frustration. Moses was one of only a few black students on campus and told Professor Isserman it felt like he "was like walking around with the plague…your very presence infects the population." When a roommate invited Moses to his house for Thanksgiving, the roommate's parents said, "If you do that, your sister won't be able to get a date."

The racism at Hamilton was also institutionalized. At that time, black students could not join Greek life, which dominated social life on campus. Moses understood that the discrimination at Hamilton was far from unique, even among elite institutions in the Northeast, saying, "Hamilton was part of the country....There were people who were different…but the country was still living under Jim Crow, and Jim Crow had its tentacles all over the country. There wasn't any way for Hamilton not to be part of that."

White classmates understood and perhaps reinforced the division on campus, but many also realized Moses was special. One student, who was interviewed for a biography of Moses, recalled, "because so many of us had never really related to blacks in any significant way before, he lived… in some isolation…yet he was deeply, widely…universally respected."

After Hamilton, Moses attended Harvard Graduate School where he earned a M.A. in philosophy. He then taught in New York City for several years before devoting the next several decades of his life to the Civil Rights Movement.



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Moses is best known for his role in Freedom Summer, an aggressive plan to register black voters in Mississippi. During the project, which took place in the summer of 1964, Moses and many of his companions were beaten, arrested and threatened. During the turmoil Moses recalled his isolation at Hamilton, saying "one of the things that I learned to do at Hamilton served me in good stead when I went to Mississippi, and that was to keep a blank face."

Moses returned to the Hill in 2002 to speak about his life. After the presentation, a student asked if he had been an "activist" while at Hamilton. Moses shook his head, saying that Hamilton was a conservative place in the 1950s and student activism was not encouraged like it is today. While perhaps not an activist yet, at Hamilton Moses demonstrated his exceptional perception of right and wrong. Moses refused to take part in freshmen hazing, which involved placing a recently painted toilet seat over the head of rebellious freshman. One classmate, Wayne Mahood '56, recalled, "in his quiet style [he] tried not only to dissuade but to educate the rest of us.… He was simply practicing civil rights long before the rest of us came of age."

Off the Hill Challenge 2015

by Ilana Schwartz '17
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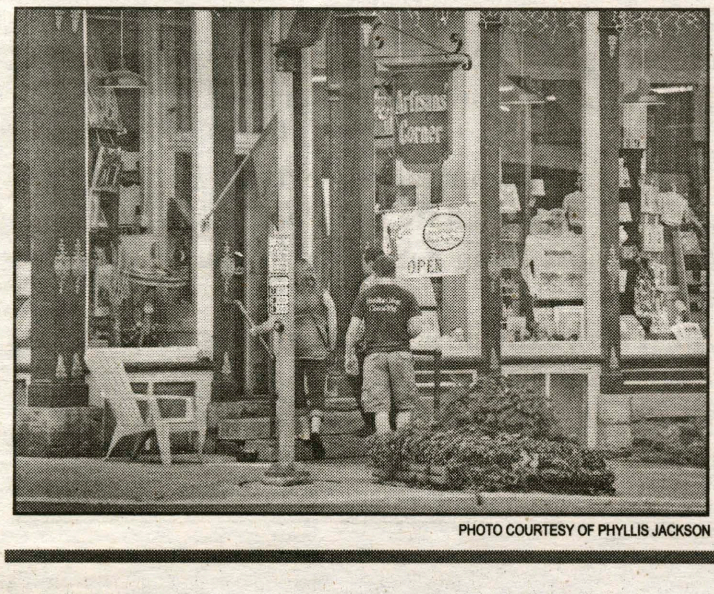
This past Saturday, Sept. 19, Hamilton College continued to strengthen its ties with Clinton, NY through the fourth annual Off the Hill Challenge. For the afternoon Hamilton students ventured down College Hill Road to visit Clinton, an opportunity to familiarize themselves with local businesses and town members.

Hamilton College, The Clinton Chamber of Commerce and The Village of Clinton merchants sponsored the event. Students spent the afternoon sampling food and browsing stores in the Village in order to get a sense of what the town has to offer. For many, especially first-years who do not have cars, getting off the Hill can actually be a challenge, so the Challenge gave them an easy way do so early on in the semester.



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Students received free shirts, Vineyard Vines coozies, food samplings and discounts at many of the local shops. The eventful day even included a concert from Hamilton's Tumbling After a capella group. "It was cool to watch Tumbling After in a different setting than in the Chapel or in Wellin," said Annie McArdle '17, who was happy to see storeowners and other locals come out for the concert as well.

Students went to participating stores, met the owners and got a stamp to acknowledge that they had visited. The first 250 students to complete the "course" were given a free t-shirt at the end.

west park
salon

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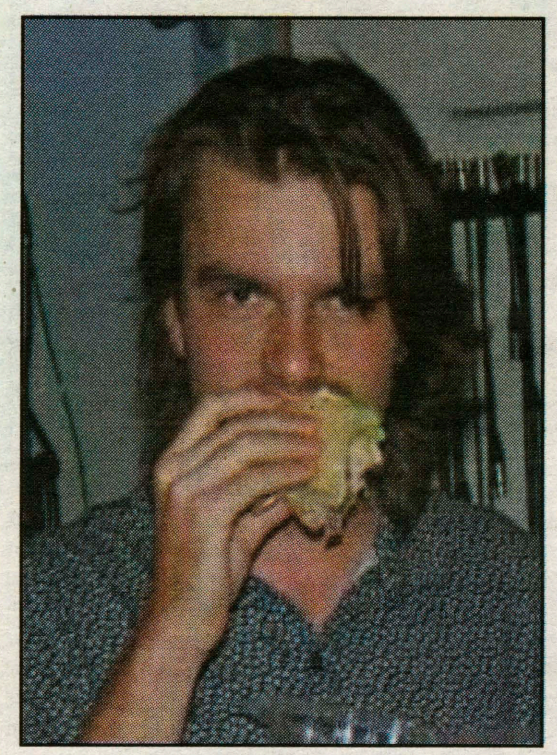
Tumbling After performs for students and locals in Clinton.

"I thought it was a really great day. A lot of kids came in and I saw a lot of new faces. Its always nice for kids to get down here, especially early in the year," said Bonnie Wood of Tom's Natural Foods. Tom's makes smoothies in-store, even designing "The Hamilton" smoothie specially for Hamilton students after many students went in asking for strawberry banana smoothies. On Saturday, they spiced this recipe up, literally, by making the "Off the Hill Challenge" smoothie, which has strawberries, bananas and jalapeños. Throughout the day, students got samples of this new smoothie, which will continue to be sold at Tom's in hopes that students will go back for more. Logan Yu '17 said that he already has plans to go back for the new smoothie.

Many other businesses in Clinton participated as well. The Clinton Florist was handing out succulents and shopkeepers at the Artist's Corner were handing out Hamilton-themed bookmarks, featuring drawings of the Hamilton sign located at the bottom of the Hill, done by local artists. This was a very exciting day for both the shop owners in Clinton as well as for Hamilton students. Yu attended the event for the first time since he started at Hamilton two years ago. Yu admitted that he "felt like there was a lot in Clinton that I'd never seen before besides Hannaford and Nola's," so to get to know the store owners and see what their stores actually have to offer was a wonderful opportunity. McArdle also explained that "it was especially nice to talk to all the people in the stores because they were curious about things on campus. Just seeing that people even had an interest in the College was really cool."

Bachelor and Bachelorette

Chris Bousquet '16



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Hometown: *Syracuse, NY.*

Home on Campus: *Milbank 378.*

Major: *Philosophy and Government.*

Turn On? *Tony's calzones.*

Turn Off? *Not saying hi on Martin's Way—you're not fooling anyone.*

If you were a dorm which would you be and why? *Wally J—pretty weird but never a bad time.*

Lights on or lights off? *Off, unless I'm reading a book.*

If you had to describe yourself as the love child of any two musicians, whom would you pick and why? *Barry Gibb and William Shatner. Dudes just get it.*

What advertising slogan best describes your life? *"Strong Enough for a Man, Made for a Woman."*

What TV genre best describes you? *VH1 Top 20.*

What's the best pick-up line you've ever used/had used on you? *"I've been told I'm pretty generic-looking."*

What's your type? *Sense of humor is huge. Someone who doesn't take herself too seriously.*

What are three things you cannot live without? *Bears, beets,* Battlestar Galactica.

If you were any social space, what would it be? *Half Annex.*

Where do you go when you want to be alone? *List.*

If you could join one group on campus, what would it be? *MSA, contact ipathan@hamilton.edu with questions.*

What's your spirit animal and why? *Sloth—moving slowly but purposefully.*

If you could break one rule at Hamilton and get away with it, which would you choose? *I'd take 3 TCB's at the Pub.*

What would you give a thumbs up? *Karate.*

What would you give a thumbs down? *Marmalade.*

Who would you say is your campus crush? *Hot KJ Girl.*

Who would you say is your faculty crush? *Shannon Shannon, she's persistent with those emails.*

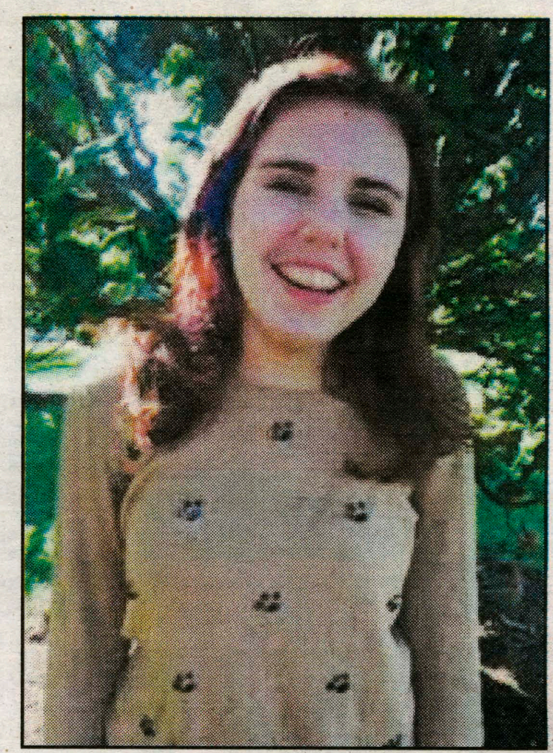
What would your perfect date be? *Sunset at Skyline followed by Wally J presents Milbank 378 party, theme tbd.*

What is the weirdest thing currently in your room? *Tie between 8 completely unusable Mason jars and 6 day-old everything bagels.*

If you could remake the points system, what would be the number one offense? *Stealing the shared umbrellas. Never forget.*

If you were a food, which would you be and why? *Papa John's pizza—I will neither show up on time nor be particularly good once I'm there.*

Sarah Hoover '18



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Hometown: *Menlo Park, CA.*

Home on Campus: *Minor Hall.*

Major: *Math.*

Turn On? *Anything that makes me laugh.*

Turn Off? *Misogynistic comments.*

If you were a dorm which would you be and why? *Rogers, because I'm worth the trek.*

Lights on or lights off? *Off.*

If you had to describe yourself as the love child of any two musicians, whom would you pick and why? *Billy Joel and Carole King because both are offbeat.*

What advertising slogan best describes your life? *"I am what I am." (Reebok)*

What TV genre best describes you? *Sit-com.*

What's the best pick-up line you've ever used/had used on you? *None.*

What's your type? *The class clown.*

What are three things you cannot live without? *Iced coffee, chocolate, chocolate.*

If you were any social space, what would it be? *The Hub.*

Where do you go when you want to be alone? *My dorm.*

If you could join one group on campus, what would it be? *Womyn's Center. (I can't make the meeting times!)*

What's your spirit animal and why? *Kangaroo because I'm bouncy and energetic.*

If you could break one rule at Hamilton and get away with it, which would you choose? *I would break the chains on the rock swing!*

What would you give a thumbs up? *The McEwen bread wall.*

What would you give a thumbs down? *Commons.*

Who would you say is your campus crush? *Indie Jillings.*

Who would you say is your faculty crush? *Ew.*

What would your perfect date be? *Roller skating.*

What is the weirdest thing currently in your room? *My roommate.*

If you could remake the points system, what would be the number one offense? *Sexual assault.*

If you were a food, which would you be and why? *Nutella because it's sweet and versatile.*

Andrew Savage '85 gets "second chance" on Survivor

by Brian Sobotko '16
Managing Editor

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, Season 31 of the CBS reality show *Survivor* premiered. This season, *Survivor: Cambodia Second Chance* features 20 contestants who played once before and were voted in by fans to receive a second chance at the game. Andrew Savage '85 returns to the show this year after last appearing in 2003. Savage works as a lawyer for Yahoo! He caught up with *The Spectator* this week about his experiences on the show and on the Hill.

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How did you end up on Survivor the first time?
SAVAGE: I didn't watch the first season because I had to work Thursday nights (I was the attorney for the *Jerry Springer* show and we taped two shows every Thursday night). I would get home late and my wife would tell me about these crazy people on a deserted island eating rats to survive. My wife Stephanie was totally hooked on the first season of *Survivor* and she wanted to apply but she wasn't a U.S. citizen yet so she told me I should apply. I thought she was crazy, to be honest. But, I then was able to watch the second *Survivor* season in the Australian Outback and I fell in love with the show. I began craving the adventure of a lifetime. I went to Jerry Springer and the executive producer Richard Dominic and told them I wanted to shoot a killer Survivor audition tape and I asked if they would help me. They were happy to help and let me use the studio, and we taped what became an amazing audition tape shot by the show's director and in which Jerry appeared. It got Survivor's attention and the rest is history.

You've maintained a friendship with [Survivor host] Jeff Probst since filming your original season. Did that affect gameplay at all? Did you ever pressure him to bring you back?
SAVAGE: Probst and I are social friends but we are far from BFFs. We would speak occasionally and our #1 rule was that we would NEVER talk about the show, EVER. We both have wonderful families and are living the dream and those are the things we would talk about. So, no, I never asked Jeff to be back on the show and I never would. The friendship also never affected any gameplay. Probst is the consummate professional and would never let a casual friendship impact the game.

What is the most striking difference between playing Survivor *and watching* Survivor*?*
SAVAGE: The level of deprivation. All of us at some time have been sitting down on the couch for too long and we stand up quickly and as a consequence we feel light-headed and briefly dizzy. Well, that's how you feel most all of the time on *Survivor*. Add to it that you have to perform in incredibly physical challenges, build shelters, find food, gather firewood, make fire, etc... all the while feeling light-headed and dizzy puts being on the show versus watching the show into perspective.

Your first season aired over a decade ago. Did you keep up on the show in the years after?
SAVAGE: I watched only three seasons after my season in the Pearl Islands, which translated into me knowing absolutely none of the other 19 Second Chance contestants.

For the first time ever, this season's contestants were voted in by the fans. How confident were you that you would be one of the players selected?
SAVAGE: I was 100% certain I was not getting voted back on. I really just felt that I was not memorable enough 12 years ago. Being voted on was one of the most shocking and flattering things I have ever experienced.

The game has evolved a lot since you first played. What did you do to prepare for your second chance?
SAVAGE: I trained physically like a triathlete. Ran 100s of hills, swam many miles, lifted weights. I can honestly say I was much fitter for this season than I was for Pearl Islands. In fact, this was probably the fittest I have ever been in my entire life (including playing football at Hamilton and top level rugby for 10 years).

If you had a third chance, would you do it again?
SAVAGE: Yes, I guess it's just the way I am wired. *Survivor* is every bit the adventure of a lifetime. I honestly don't know how anyone could say no to such a massive opportunity.

Can you tell us a little more about how you chose Hamilton, and your experience while here?
SAVAGE: I first became aware of Hamilton College because my father and mother, John and Cindy Savage, worked at the college for many, many years and spoke so highly of the school, the atmosphere, its students and faculty. My dad was a carpenter and retired quite a few years ago and my mom works at the Burke Library to this day. Their experiences and stories of working on the Hill made me very interested in Hamilton. I ultimately chose Hamilton for the culture, academics and athletics. I wanted to play college football but I didn't want it to consume my entire college experience or sacrifice academics since I always knew I wanted to be a lawyer. Hamilton is division III, so a bit less intense than division I, and it offered a superb education. Fortunately, Hamilton was as interested in me as I was in it.

Who from your Hamilton experience would have the most success on Survivor?
SAVAGE: My old roommate Tom Duff ['85]. Duffer's from Boston, a great hockey player and one of the most social guys I know. He's mentally and physically tough and an all-around great guy that everybody loved, so Duffer would excel on Survivor.

Fall 2015: lessons for the runway

by Ali Gay '17
Features Contributor

As of yesterday, fall 2015 is finally here: Cider Mill doughnuts, brick red-hued leaves, plentiful pumpkin patches and all. While you may be dying a little inside with the thought of cold weather approaching, you know there is a part of you that is excited for the advent of the new season—the best fashion season of them all. Whether you have your fall and winter pieces packed away in a box under your bed, or if you left your fall/winter wardrobe at home, your wardrobe is going to need a little bit of revamping if you want to have people stopping and staring on Martin's Way. If you want to look good this fall, the best thing you can do is take a few hints from the pros themselves, that is, from top designers and their Fall-Winter 2015 Collections. While there are so many talented lines from which to draw inspiration, let's focus on three of Hamilton's favorite labels and what they have to teach us: Michael Kors, Tory Burch and the English classic brand, Burberry Prorsum.

1) Fur: If you want to be in the fall fashion game this season, fur is a must. We saw show-stopping fur coats, fur forearm cuffs and fur accents all over the Michael Kors runway. Burberry took a sleeker take on fur without the bulk with their Bright Navy A-Line Shearling Cape, as well as several long-haired furs in virgin wool and cashmere, shearling and rabbit, to name a few. All three featured coats with a more modest take on fur/hair—the fur collared coat. This is a subtler way to incorporate fur into your wardrobe if you're not quite into the "dramatic diva" look.

2) Tassels/Fringe: Fall 2015 also has a bit of a western influence. In designs like Burberry's Ponytail Suede and Shearling booties, black tassels add interest and catch the eye as you strut your stuff. Burberry's fall capes and coats are elevated with tiered fringe and fringe-edges. Tory Burch incorporated tassel earrings and a braided leather belt with tassels to accompany her luxurious Tapestry silk fil-coupé dress. Tassels and fringe are simultaneously fun and high-fashion.

3) Bohemia: We're traveling back in time to the stellar 1970's this fall, bringing back paisley, large florals and plaid. Burch nails a Bohemian, classic 70's feel with her scarf-print crepe blouse and skirt pairing. Other designs have a bit more of an exotic allure, as in the Moroccan-pattern Jacquard coat and Marrakech-print silk-wool Mikado pant. Burberry puts a twist on its classic trenches with earth-toned floral prints. Find a flowing floral dress and a brown or black ankle bootie, and you've effortlessly mastered this look.

4) Classic: As always, each season needs to have its simple, more classic pieces. Michael Kors reminds us to keep it classy with his crisp, clean white oxford blouses paired with perfectly tailored double-breasted tweed jackets and long, ladylike coats. A long camel coat is one necessary fall/winter wardrobe investment that will supply that classic touch.

Keep the masters in mind as you begin your fall shopping. Before you know it, you'll be the one giving out fall fashion advice!

Preview: Alash Ensemble to perform traditional Tuvan throat singing in Wellin

by Max Newman '16
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Hamilton Performing Arts opens its fall 2015 season with a visit from Alash Ensemble this Saturday, Sept. 26. The award-winning group will showcase traditional throat singing, an ancient technique of Tuvan music.

The Republic of Tuva lies at the southern edge of Siberia, near the border of Russia and Mongolia. With a population of around 300,000, Tuva is formally recognized as an autonomous nation in Central Asia under the Russian Federation.

The musical's group name comes from the Alash River, which runs through the nation and has inspired various traditional Tuvan songs.

Alash's three group members, Bady-Dorzhu, Ayan-ool Sam and Ayan Shirizhik have been trained in Tuvan throat singing since childhood. They mastered the technique in college, where they created the trio under a different name.

While gaining local fame as a traditional Tuvan ensemble during their school years at Kyzyl Arts College, the trio also experimented with Western music, which was fairly unfamiliar to them at the time.

As their musical identity shifted, they began to include non-traditional instruments such as guitars and accordions into their arrangements. American music inspired them to work with new harmonies.

According to Newsweek, Alash's throat singing sounds like "a human bagpipe—a person who could sing a sustained low note while humming an eerie, whistle-like melody." Eerie is an accurate description of their style, as the multiple layers of sounds are both beautiful and haunting. One must actually hear the music to fully understand its distinct ambiance.

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Alash Ensemble will showcase a unique artistic form called throat singing, which involves singing multiple pitches at once.

Despite this blend, at the heart of the ensemble one can find the influences of the group members' grandparents and the traditional musicians of Tuva. They simply integrated Western influences into their contemporary song structure to individualize their art form.

Alash first toured America in 2006. According to their website, their first tour was sponsored by the Open World Leadership program of the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Arts. Alash has since returned to the States multiple times to both perform and teach workshops to American students.

Since their formation, Alash has won countless awards, primarily in throat singing competitions. In 2015, Alash member Ayan-ool Sam was named People's Xöömeizhi of the Republic of Tuva. In 2004, the ensemble was awarded first prize in Tuva's International Xöömei Symposium. And in 2008, all three members swept the top prizes for individual throat singing at the Fifth International Xöömei Symposium.

Hamilton College is fortunate to host Alash Ensemble in Wellin Hall. You do not want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime experience. The show begins at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. Tickets are $5 for students and $15 for non-students.

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Show Profile:

The Dancing Cat!

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Björk and her cat husband's marriage is on the rocks, so she goes out and gets super hammered. She wakes up in a field really hungover, and her cat husband somehow finds her and takes her home. He then becomes human-sized and they dance together because apparently *their marriage is better now.* Why? Listen to "The Dancing Cat!"

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Björk at the 2001 Academy Awards

Typical Playlist:

"Triumph of a Heart"
-Björk

"Rebellion"
-Chanes

"Oh My Darling, Don't Cry"
- Run the Jewels

Esatablished in 1941, WHCL is a non-profit, student-run, free-form radio station. Located atop College Hill in the beeaauutiul village of Clinton, New York, it boasts 270 watts of power and runs 20 hours a day, 7 days a week.

CAB Comedian Kevin Barnett delivers funny yet highly controversial performance

by Kyandreia Jones '19
Arts & Entertainment Contributor

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Barnett delivered a comedic routine which drew both laughs and outrage from the student audience.

CAB's first comedy show of the year was a welcomed distraction.

The night began with a comedian named Mookie. Referring to the Events Barn as a "creepy dollhouse," Mookie began his set by talking about Hamilton, what the school is known for and what students do for fun. Deeming student life a worthy transition, he began to talk about his name, drugs, his knack for social misconduct and sex.

I especially appreciated when the comic spoke about his unusual name. He explained that people were always trying to sell him drugs because of his glazed over eyes and the child-like giggles he let out after every third joke.

From talking about the time he overheard his parents having sex, to prostitution, to his self-proclaimed avid sex life, Mookie was very crude and vulgar. When the people in the crowd were not laughing because of his absurdity, their countenance was expressionless or twisted up in disgust. Such an instance occurred when the comic acted out the time his girlfriend asked him to slap her in the face during sex. He then went on to say that he was so plagued by her want to get slapped in the face that he broke up with her over social media. The punchline was that she instant messaged him back saying the way in which he broke up with her was a (you guessed it folks) "slap in the face".

> **"When the people in the crowd weren't laughing because of [Mookie's] absurdity, their countenance was expressionless or or twisted up in disgust."**

It would do a disservice to omit that Mookie peppered in the word "cum" throughout his entire set. It's like cum on we get it. You claim to have a lot of sex. What do you want from us? A high five? After all that locker room talk, I'm not touching your hands, mister.

Although Mookie's act wasn't what anyone expected, he succeeded in warming up the crowd. Snide snickers from his awkwardness paved the way for the laughter that would ensue when the main event began.

In the sense of getting everyone in the audience to laugh, headliner Kevin Barnett was victorious. However, his controversial commentary on political correctness and same-sex couples made for an unbearable ten minutes on more than one occasion.

The night went downhill the moment the Florida State University graduate picked out a couple in the audience and tried to make them part of his act. When it he called on a girl in a same sex couple instead of whomever he intended on calling, his exact words to the woman were, "I thought you were a dude." He then went on a tangent about the couple's long distance relationship and took it a step further by bashing how the couple met. It dragged on for an eternity. Everyone in the audience were mentally begging him to drop the subject. It was utterly excruciating to sit and hear.

In all fairness to the comedian, he did say, in his spiel about picking up girls, that he enjoyed making people uncomfortable...mischief managed, Barnett.

His college stories, Twitter series about his hate of "surprise raisins," and the assertion that the existence of the college's streaking team here proves our lack of activities were hysterical, but laughter is not the only takeaway from the show. The audience carry the painful moments as well.

Despite serving as a break from pages upon pages of reading and the daily ebb and flow of student life, the comedy show demonstrated a connection between each member of the audience. On our quest for a laugh, we all learned what it is we stand for and against.

Surprisingly for a group of students all trying to figure themselves out, we all sat together in our humor (and outrage) throughout the show.

Sanchica, princesa de Barataria

Thursday, Sept. 24
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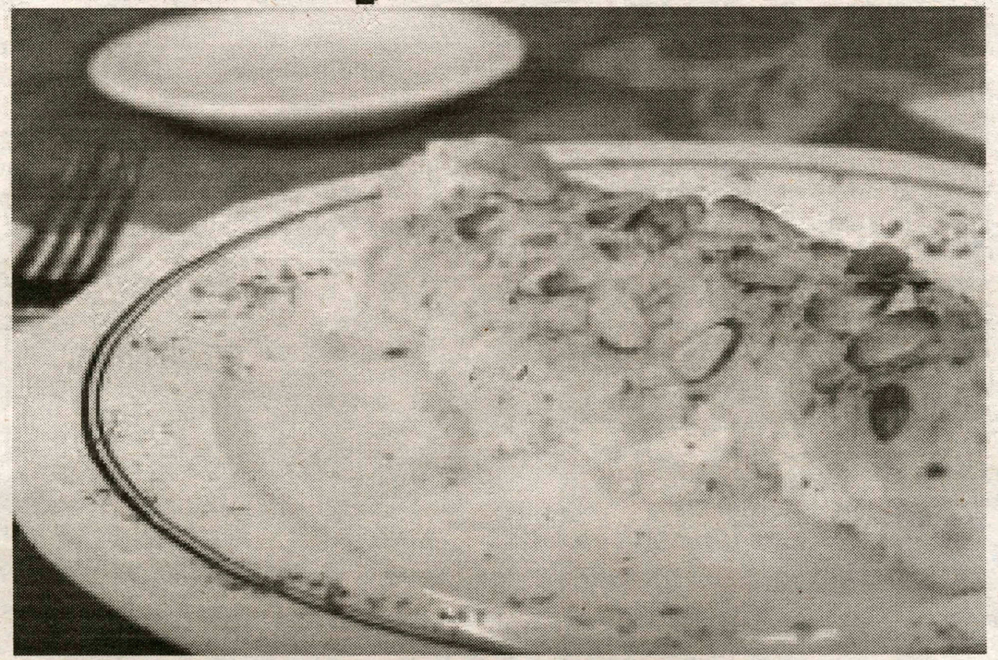

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equalizer. Trinity outshot Hamilton 22-18, yet was unable to capitalize in the end as Lubelczyk received a pass from Temko on the left side and curled it home for an exhausting and crucial away victory. Trinity now sits at the bottom of the NESCAC with three losses in three games and Hamilton evened its league record to one win and one loss.

Hamilton followed up with a 1-0 home victory against Utica College. Bayard Geeslin '16 scored off a set piece in the 71st to break the scoreless tie, giving the Continentals their third straight win.

The Continentals now embark on two straight away games to Connecticut College on Sept. 26 and Middlebury on Sept. 29. Hoping to convert their momentum into a victory against these mid-table opponents, the team will likely need to win one of these away games in order to feel comfortable about its chances of qualifying for the NESCAC playoffs.

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Bayard Geeslin '16 (not pictured) scored the game winner against Utica.

Rookie talents pace men's rugby victory

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runs.

"Jeremy is a horse: he plays hard, he ran hard. If he wasn't playing, we'd be in a little trouble right now," Bates said.

For the backs, Sam Copman '16 unquestionably kept the defense solid. Potsdam's outside center was the most intimidating player on the opposition, but Copman was equally threatening as he yanked Potsdam's players onto the field.

The team will travel to face Paul Smith's on Saturday, Sept. 26 and anticipates continuing on their trajectory of success.

"We are encouraged by what we've seen," Currier said.

While we cannot know how the action of the game will unfold, we can predict it will continue along the team's current pattern. That being said, the expectation can perhaps be best summed up in the sentiments of team cinematographer, DK Lee '17: "The first half was pretty rough…but it was fun in the end."

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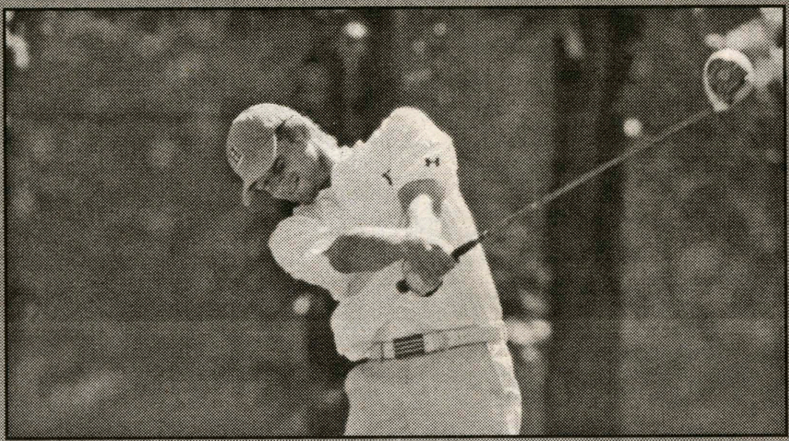
Hamilton scored three tries in Saturday's match.

Hamilton's Best of the Weekend



Golf
Joe Tigani '18 tied for eighth place out of 124 golfers with a two-day total of 152. Tigiani shot the best round of any Hamilton golfer on Saturday, posting a four-over 75. He followed that with a 77 on the last day of the tournament. Tigani has finished in the top 15 in all three tournaments so far this fall.

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Tennis
Isabella Schoning '16 won her singles flights at the 2015 Canton Classic Women's Tennis Tournament, hosted by St. Lawrence University on Sept. 19 and 20. Schoning rallied against both Geneseo's Marylen Santos, 4-6, 6-3, 10-7 and St. Lawrence's Alexandra Dadoly, 6-7 (0-5), 6-1, 10-2. Schoning and Jane Bary '19 added a pair of doubles wins.

Men's Cross Country
Jack Pierce '17 was the team's top finisher, placing 14th in the 242-runner field. He completed the 8,000-meter course in 26:43.4. Jack Moses '16 and Adam Pfander '16 both finished in the top 35, posting respective times of 27:00.0 (23rd) and 27:09.7 (31st)

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Women's Cross Country
Hanna Jerome '18 was the team's top finisher, placing 34th in the 276-runner field. She completed the 6,000-meter course in 23:31.6. Lindsay Heyer '17 and Mary Lundin '19 posted respective times of 24:20.9 (59th) and 24:55.9 (92nd).

Hernandez '16 and Gramlich '18 power women's rugby to win in home opener

by Kaitlin McCabe '16
Editor Emerita

Hamilton's women's rugby club has learned that although phenomenal players can never truly be forgotten in their hearts, they can at least be replaced on the pitch. In their first game of the fall season and home opener against Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), the women defeated the visiting squad 20-17, an omen of a promising new lineup and season.

The graduation of 15 key players in any sport is disconcerting to the remaining team, but in rugby—in which squads of 20-30 people field 15 individuals at a time—such a loss is devastating. Captains Hannah Ferris '16 and Hannah Woolley '16 were thus charged with not just training but also rebuilding the team's starting lineup. "[Losing seniors] definitely changed the dynamic of the team and our style of play," said Ferris. "But we have awesome younger players who need to step up and prove themselves in the sport." Woolley added, "We're most excited about developing everyone's skills and passion for the sport."

The ferocity that the women exerted from the instant they stepped on the pitch fueled their entire gameplay. Ana Hernandez '16, a vital and unforgettable forward for Hamilton, firmly believed the women were ready to dominate. "I was confident on the field that day that every girl wanted to not only play well, but wanted to win," she said. As one would expect for a team's initial game, the first half of play involved new players feeling out the strategies they developed during practices but had yet to implement. Mental mistakes and untried dynamics resulted in a tight end to the first half, with RPI ahead at 12-10.

Yet the women would not stop fighting. They build upon the intense momentum delivered in the first half, and though RPI's players continued to make their way towards Hamilton's try zone, the Hamilton women continued to aggressively drive their opponents back. Their strong effort, however, was well rewarded: Hamilton just barely came out on top with a final score of 20-17.

"Every single person who played committed 100 percent," Woolley explained. "Because of that, we pulled ahead."

Mattie Seamans '18 shined with two tries; Ella Dean '17 also contributed to the scoreboard.

As per tradition, the team elected team MVPs after the victory. Hernandez was named Forward of the Game, while Rachel Gramlich '18 was named Back of the Game; Cilly Geranios '19 was also honored as Rookie of the Game.

The captains, and the team as a whole, were proud of the team's ability to work as a unit throughout the game rather than as individuals. As Ferris said, "It wasn't just one player making the hits and scoring the tries, but a real overall team effort with a lot of hard work put in by everyone on the field."

Woolley agreed, "It took every member of the team to win our match… We're looking forward to seeing that sort of cohesion and teamwork develop in the coming weeks."

Hernandez emphasizes that in addition to basic techniques, she eagerly hopes the team incorporates more advanced tactics into their repertoire of skills: keeping the ball moving when it's in Hamilton's possession, passes in contact, short pop passes, etc. "We're often smaller but faster than many of the teams we face," she explained. "And if we can work on keeping up a more fluid offense, we won't get stuck fighting in defensive rucks."

The Hamilton women's rugby club's next game is against SUNY Oneonta on Sunday, Sept. 27. While the team certainly has ideas on how to improve, players are highly optimistic about upcoming contests. Certainly Hernandez has great expectations for the year. "As a senior you can only hope for a winning season," she said. "But after this weekend's game, I'm confident that this team has the talent and drive to keep this program on top this fall and for seasons to come."

Field Hockey team begins NESCAC play after historic undefeated start to season

by Jane Bary '19
Sports Writer

The Hamilton field hockey team has posted its best start to the season in two decades, but stumbled this weekend against two NESCAC powerhouses.

Coming off a conference win the weekend before and a convincing rout at SUNY Oswego, the Continentals were outscored 12 to 1 in a pair of road matchups against Trinity and Middlebury. Standout Eva Rosencrans '17 scored the lone goal in Hamilton's 5-1 loss to Trinity on Saturday. The Continentals were then blanked 7-0 by defending NESCAC champion Middlebury on Sunday.

The team began the season undefeated at 3-0, but fell to 3-2 with the losses. Hamilton's opponents had more scoring opportunities this weekend than the Continentals, keeping goalie Julia Booth '19 busy, making a total of 15 saves in a game and a half. Mary Kalb '19 added 5 saves in just over 20 minutes of play against Middlebury.

"This weekend was a wake up call," said midfielder Aubrey Coon '16. "We played really tough teams back to back. It showed us the areas we got away with the first couple of games but still have to work on."

Hamilton boasts a handful of threats on offense who delivered promising results in their first three games. Rosencrans tallied three goals prior to her first against Trinity, while Casey Brown '16 scored two and Margaret Revera '18 added another. Coon has also scored once this season. Merisa Dion '17 and Caroline Ames '17 have notched an assist each.

The Continentals were looking good on offense, but came up short against some tough competition. Hamilton had trouble generating offensive momentum throughout the games against Trinity and Middlebury.

"This season we really want to focus on peak performance, staying on our game the entire game so that when opportunities arise, we execute," Coon said. "This is important because the margin between winning and losing in our conference is often very slim."

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After beginning the season with a record of 3-0 against non-conference opponents, the field hockey team fell to two impressive NESCAC teams.

The team fields eight first years on a roster of 20 players, but the starting lineup has featured mostly returning players. Rookies Brooke Talsania '19 and Tori Stapleton '19 have each started at times and taken shots on goal. They could factor more heavily into the lineup going forward.

First years have taken on the biggest role in the net. After losing star goalkeeper Victoria Trentini '15 to graduation in the spring, the Continentals have given both of their first-year goalies playing time in net while trying to find the right rhythm. Booth has seen the most time so far, but Kalb also looks promising.

Though Hamilton fields a relatively young team, Kalb says the team dynamic is strong and she believes that the team can post strong results in a difficult conference.

"From everything I've heard from the upperclassmen, it seems like this team has the talent to be really competitive in the NESCAC and make it all the way to the NESCAC tournament," Kalb said. "That's definitely the team goal."

The Continentals qualified for the conference championships last year as the eighth seed, after missing out on a bid the year before. The top eight teams out of 11 make the tournament.

Hamilton has a handful of winnable home games coming up in the next month, including matchups against Colby and Wesleyan, both teams the Continentals only narrowly lost to last fall. Hamilton could also come out on top in Saturday's road game against Connecticut College, after posting a convincing 4-0 shutout in the 2014 season.

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> *—Mary Kalb '19*

"We're really starting to click as a team and I think we are poised to upset some of the bigger league powerhouses," Kalb said.

Hamilton continued its season Wednesday with a home contest against SUNY Geneseo. After falling behind 3-2 at halftime, the Continentals shut out the Knights in the second half and came back for a 4-3 win to snap their losing streak. The Continentals will hit the road again for a Sept. 26 NESCAC game against Connecticut College.

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Men's rugby completes second half comeback victory against Potsdam

by Kaitlin McCabe '16
Editor Emerita

The Hamilton men's rugby club stepped onto the pitch on Saturday surging with confidence.

Having just tied Plattsburgh, their NSCRO division's reigning champion, 15-15 the previous week and improved their competitive standing, the men were assured of their ability to defeat Potsdam.

No doubt their intensity throughout the whirlwind of a match was a testament to their ongoing sense of accomplishment.

Though the team ultimately won against Potsdam 20-12, the game highlighted areas in which the men must continue to improve.

"We thought we might do better than we did this week," Club President Matt Currier '16 confessed.

The team committed a series of mental mistakes ranging from drop balls to poor throwing and accrued approximately 20 penalties throughout the game, but backs captain Andrew Leopold '16 admits that while they were guilty of several mistakes, "at least we were aggressive."

Despite all errors, Hamilton demonstrated their ability to identify weaknesses and successfully implement ways to correct them. Head coach John Joseph explained that each week the team seeks to improve by instituting new plays and "continuing to perfect the basics." For instance, the team's previously discussed backline strategy of keeping the ball in the center of the pitch rather than the side has certainly been a positive alteration to their previous methods.

"I didn't know how much the game plan would be implemented," admitted forwards captain Nick Ball '16. "But sticking with the game plan seems to be working."

Most noticeable, however, has been the team's turnover strategies. While the men had previously struggled to effectively take advantage of turnovers, they demonstrated new potential within the first several minutes of play: Leopold poached the ball and then, with the assistance of Noam Barnhard '18 and Dan Farina '17, Joey Rokous '18 swooped in the action and scored his first try.

All in all, John Bates '16 said the team is "showing improvement in all facets of the game."

For the second week in a row, Hamilton came out of the first half trailing behind the competition: Plattsburgh finished at 10-0 while Potsdam came out on top at 12-8. Instead of accepting their frustration, the men have both times used it to rebuild and continue fighting. By the end of the match, Hamilton dominated Potsdam 20-12. Rokous and Ned Kister '18 scored a total of three tries, and Leopold put points on the board with one point after and a penalty kick.

"We felt really good about the team effort," Currier said.

Arguably, however, the team's victory came mainly from rookies talents. Sophomores Kister and Rokous not only collected their first Hamilton rugby minutes but also scored the team's only tries of the match. Each player demonstrated phenomenal runs (Kister nearly completed a hat track) and creativity (such as Rokous's comedic, albeit illegal, substitution call during the second half of the match because he lost a shoe in the heat of what cannot be referred to as anything other than rugby passion).

"Fullbacks and wings scoring is good indication we are scoring as a team," Bates commented, to which Leopold added, "it was indicative of good team play."

Additionally, Noam Barnhard '18 moved from fly half to scrum half just three days before his game, and the position seems to come naturally to him.

Coach Joseph also cites Farina and Javier Barreto '17 as key contributors to the match.

Hamilton's experienced players, however, stood out as MVPs of the match. Jeremy Mathurin '16 took control as a forward with resilient, fierce

PHOTO BY ZACH BATSON '16

Matt Currier '16 intercepted a throw-in.

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Men's soccer scores golden goal in double-overtime to beat Trinity

by Yoshi Hill '16
Senior Editor

This past Saturday, Hamilton's men's soccer team engineered a gutsy away win at Trinity, after midfielder Mike Lubelczyk '17 scored with only minutes left in double-overtime to avoid sharing the points with their opponents. These much-needed points place the Continentals in the middle of the NESCAC table where they are more than capable of upsetting some of the traditional powerhouses of the league. Assistant coach Brendan Ujvary praised his players, saying, "It was a great team win for us. Up until that game we had yet to put together a real solid team performance and this was really encouraging."

The victory also adds to the momentum gathered from their close away victory over SUNY Polytechnic on Sept. 15, where they emerged on top after a goal from Jack Temko '18 early in the second half and the Continentals' defense held strong despite three threatening opportunities for the opposition.

Saturday's game lacked scoring until early in the second half when the hosts went ahead thanks to a goal from Cody Savonen '17, his fourth of the season. The Continentals approached this deficit methodically, enduring repeated Trinity attacks and forcing goalkeeper Harris Pollack '17 to wrack up an impressive ten saves to keep Hamilton's chances alive.

With what would have been one of their final chances of the game, the Continentals won a corner kick with about five minutes left and threw most of their men forward in hopes of an equalizer. Myles Pindus '19 took the corner which ended up on the head of Eli Morris '17 who nodded the ball past the goalie to break Trinity hearts in the dying minutes. Coach Ujvary noted that Morris' goal only supplemented an already imposing performance: "Eli was massive for us defensively by winning balls out of the air. He managed to take that skill and put it towards some offense for us by heading home the equalizer."

Still, Hamilton had to survive a dangerous start to extra-time in which Pollack was forced into a vital save and Trinity's Bantams attempted to recover from the last-gasp

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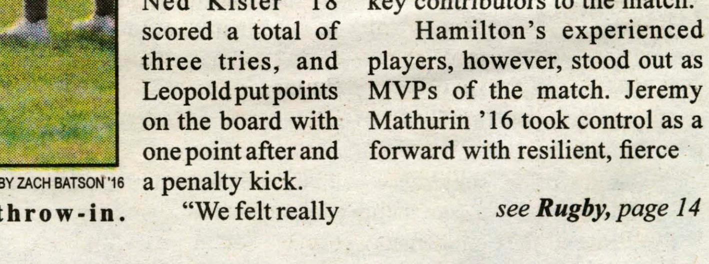

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Alec Talsania '17 ranks second on the team with 17 shots.